

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

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The invention relates to a method for producing chiral  $\alpha$ -hydroxycarboxylic crystalline acids consisting in transforming cyanhydrins (R) or (S) into  $\alpha$ -hydroxycarboxylic acids (R) or (S), respectively by enzymatic hydrolysis in the presence of *Rhodococcus erythropolis* NCIMB 11540.